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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2000, and the Communication mailed August 15, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 11, without prejudice.

In claim 12, line 1, please delete "claim 11" and insert --claim 22-- therefor.

In claim 13, line 1, please delete "claim 11" and insert --claim 22-- therefor.

In claim 14, line 1, please delete "claim 11" and insert --claim 22-- therefor.